

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. <u>07-508</u>
	:	DATE FILED: <u>8/23/07</u>
STEVEN RAYNARD MASON	:	VIOLATIONS:
	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A) (making a false
	:	statement to a federal firearms licensee - 5
	:	counts)
	:	Notice of forfeiture

INDICTMENT

COUNTS ONE THROUGH FIVE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this indictment:

1. C & C Sport Center, 101 Geiger Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19115, FFL# 8-23-17990, possessed a federal firearms license ("FFL") and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
2. Philadelphia Archery & Gun, 831 Ellsworth, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147, possessed a federal firearms license ("FFL") and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
3. FFL holders are licensed, among other things, to sell firearms and ammunition. Various rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, govern the manner in which an FFL holder may sell firearms and ammunition.
4. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders required that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a "Firearms Transaction Record," ATF Form 4473. Part

of the Form 4473 required that the prospective purchaser certify that all his or her answers on Form 4473 are true and correct. The Form 4473 contains language warning that “[t]he federal firearms laws require that the individual filling out this form must be buying the firearm for himself or as a gift. Any individual who is not buying the firearm for himself/herself or as a gift, but who completes this form, violates the law.” “. . . answering “yes” to question 12a [which asks, “Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form?”] when [you] am not the actual buyer of the firearm is a crime punishable as a felony.”

5. A person who purchases a firearm for another person and falsely completes the Form 4473 is a "straw purchaser." Acting as a straw purchaser is referred to as “lying and buying.”

6. FFL holders are required to maintain a record, in the form of a completed Form 4473, of the identity of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the FFL holder, to ensure that the person was not prohibited from purchasing a firearm. FFL holders are required to maintain a record, in the form of a completed Form 4473, of the identity of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the FFL holder, to ensure that the person was not prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

7. On or about the dates listed below, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

STEVEN RAYNARD MASON,

in connection with the acquisition of each of the firearms listed below from the FFL holders listed below, knowingly made a false statement and representation with respect to information required by the provisions of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, to be kept in the FFL holders’ records, in that defendant Mason certified on the Form 4473 that he was the actual buyer

of the firearms listed in the table below, when in fact, as he knew, this statement was false and fictitious.

Count	Date	Location	Firearm	Serial Number
1	May 20, 2004	C&C Sport Center	Hi Point Model C9 9mm pistol	P1205812
2	May 20, 2004	Philadelphia Gun & Archery	Hi Point Model CF380 .380 caliber pistol	P803046
3	June 19, 2004	C&C Sport Center	Hi Point Model JCP40 .40 caliber pistol	X712664
4	June 19, 2004	C&C Sport Center	Hi Point Model C9 .45 caliber pistol	P1209779
5	June 19, 2004	C&C Sport Center	Hi Point Model JHP45 .45 caliber pistol	X412570

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A),
set forth in this indictment, defendant

STEVEN RAYNARD MASON

shall forfeit to the United States of America all firearms involved in the commission of such
offenses, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Hi Point Model C9 9mm pistol, serial number P1205812;
- 2) Hi Point Model CF380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number P803046;
- 3) Hi Point Model JCP40 .40 caliber pistol, serial number X712664;
- 4) Hi Point Model C9 .45 caliber pistol , serial number P1209779; and
- 5) Hi Point Model JHP45 .45 caliber pistol, serial number X412570.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title
18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

A TRUE BILL:

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

PATRICK L. MEEHAN
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY